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ABSTRACT

This data book provides statistics on a range of indicators that measure critical aspects of children's lives in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Statistics are provided in the following categories: (1) population and family characteristics (including number of children under age 18 and age 5, percentage of population under age 18, number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, number of children under age 18 in foster care, and number of adoptions of children from foster care); (2) health and disabilities (including number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, number of children covered by Medicaid, incidence of early prenatal care, incidence of low birthweight births, infant mortality rate, percentage of toddlers fully immunized, number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education [IDEA] Program, number of children in the Supplemental Security Income [SSI] Program); (3) economic security and federal program participation (including number and percentage of children who are poor, median income of families of four, maximum monthly benefit for families of three under TANF, date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits, number of child support cases and percent with any child support collection, number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, and number of participants in the federal nutrition programs); (4) child care and early childhood education (including total number of children in Head Start, number of regulated child care centers, number of regulated family child care or group homes, training required for family child care providers and teachers in child care centers, number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, and number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program); (5) elementary and secondary education (including enrollment in public and private schools, number of public and private schools, percentage attending private schools, number of charter schools, pupil-teacher ratio in public schools, race/ethnicity of public school students, percentage of fourth-grade public school students performing at or above the basic mathematics and reading

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achievement levels, and number of children served by Title 1); and (6) youth development (including teen birth rate, juvenile arrests, total number of deaths from firearms of young people, number of homicides and suicides, percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, and high school completion rate). State rankings in these indicators are included. (EV)

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Introduction

Our ability to make decisions in the best interest of children depends upon having access to accurate, timely, and comprehensive information about the condition of children and their families. As state and local governments, as well as the private sector, take on increasing levels of responsibility for the design and implementation of programs affecting children, youth, and their families, the need for data is increasing. Data at the state and local levels are often difficult to obtain, and are certainly less plentiful than data available at the federal level.

This compilation of data from national sources is intended to provide a comprehensive summary of child well-being in the states. We hope to stimulate much-needed debate and reflection on the state of America's children that will elicit new and focused responses to their needs and those of their families. This compilation is broad in scope, addressing the wide range of factors that affect the lives of children in this country.

With the national surplus, a booming economy, and money from the tobacco settlement, we have an historic opportunity to invest in a better future for our children by investing in activities that promote their health and well-being. We hope you use these state profiles as a tool for planning and action.

Options for using the profiles:

There is a wide variation in the condition of children living in different states, reflecting the diverse economic, social, political, and historical conditions of each state. Comparisons between states can be a useful tool in evaluating where a state's strengths and weaknesses are in protecting and supporting children. We encourage you to look at how the children of your state are faring in comparison to others.

Look at the rankings. We rank some indicators that are reported consistently across the states, including: percentage of children lacking health insurance, incidence of prenatal care, incidence of low birthweight births, percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, and the percentage of children who are poor. A summary of the rankings can be found on page 106. We applaud the states that have been supporting children and their families and hope they continue their efforts. Unfortunately some states consistently rank at the bottom for many of the indicators. We hope these states, in particular, will enact policies and conduct aggressive outreach to improve the lives of children living within their borders.

Look across measures. You may find that your state performs well in one category, but falters in another. Alabama, for example, second best in fully immunizing 19- to 35-month-old children, has one of the highest infant mortality rates, one of the highest incidence rates of low birthweight births, and one of the highest child poverty rates. Knowing the areas where your state is doing well or poorly can allow you to focus your attention and resources to make a real difference in the lives of children.

Look beyond the numbers. Numbers and ranks only present a piece of the picture. What does it mean that New Hampshire has the lowest child poverty rate? It is an accomplishment, but the problems for the 22,432 children living below the poverty line in New Hampshire are no less severe. In addition, we must be careful to recognize what the numbers do and do not show. There are critical gaps in what data is available at the federal level. For example, data to monitor homelessness, disabilities, mental health, childhood living arrangements, and many other factors are not collected. It is important to remember that these factors also impact children's lives.

Watch for progress. Pay attention to what is working in your state, and what has been been working for others. Gather as much data as possible. Examine the programs and policies that have been successful in protecting and supporting children in other states to see how they can be adapted to work in your state. Similarly, there are many model programs occurring in neighborhoods nationwide. These positive local successes should not be discounted simply because they haven't impacted the state figures as a whole. Two sources for additional information are *Trends in the Well-Being of America's Children and Youth 1998*, a publication of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, available online at http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/98trends/trends98.htm, as well as publications from KIDS COUNT, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation (www.aecf.org).

Publicize the condition of children in your state and neighborhood. We encourage you to photocopy and distribute your state profile. We also encourage you to develop profiles of your own, based on the needs you are witnessing every day in your community. To help you in this effort, please consult the Quick Guide to Data on page 108.

Highlight positive solutions. We hope you point to effective solutions that have been making the difference in assuring that no child is left behind. Used in tandem with the *State of America's Children Yearbook 1999*, which highlights model programs and delineates an agenda for action, policymakers, business leaders, children's advocates, and concerned citizens alike, will be armed with the information they need to improve the lives of children in America.

No single person, institution, or government agency can meet all the needs of our children and families. But each of us, taking one or more of those needs, can together weave the seamless web of family, community, and public and private sector support children need.

Alabama

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Alabama	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,071,708	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	292,728	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	778,980	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	24.8%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	20,366 33.7%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	18,640	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,590	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	136	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Alabama	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	162,000 13.7% State Rank: 29	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	410,498	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	81.6% State Rank: 33	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	9.3% State Rank: 48	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	10.5 State Rank: 49	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	85% State Rank: 2	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	98,266	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	25,788	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Alabama	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	291,046 26.4% State Rank: 44	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$48,240	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$164	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	14%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	November 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	387,817	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	21.3%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	240,164	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	117,319	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	541,321	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	145,040	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	45,327	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Alabama	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	15,118	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,353	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	3,195	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	8:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	37,629	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Alabama	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	746,149	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,319	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	66,958	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	287	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	8.2%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16.9	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	36.0%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.6%	3.7%
Hispanic	0.5%	13.5%
Native American	0.7%	1.1%
White	62.1%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	45%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	56%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	238,349	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Alabama	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	11,118	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	69.2	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	94%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	218	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,385	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	329	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	310	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	104	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	59	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	25	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	10.9%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	35.8%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	84.9%	85.8%

Every 13 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 47 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 4 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 14 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Alaska

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Alaska	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	188,329	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	49,405	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	138,924	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	30.9%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	3,110 31.0%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	7,544	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,783	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	109	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Alaska	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	23,000 11.1% State Rank: 20	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	49,760	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	80.8% State Rank: 37	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	5.5% State Rank: 3	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.2 State Rank: 24	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	75% State Rank: 32	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	17,604	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	910	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Alaska	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	25,270 13.2% State Rank: 6	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$57,474	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$923	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	65%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	July 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	55,854	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	17.8%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	25,818	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	23,829	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	49,080	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	8,189	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	287	2,226,639

	Alaska	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	1,261	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	225	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	1,484	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	6:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	6,881	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	127,618	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	495	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	6,113	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	65	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	4.6%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	17	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.3	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	4.6%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	4.4%	3.7%
Hispanic	2.7%	13.5%
Native American	24.5%	1.1%
White	63.7%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	68%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	17,888	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	1,112	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	46.4	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	44%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	456	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,771	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	529	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,452	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	22	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	6	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	12	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	85.5%	85.8%

Every 52 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 8 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every day a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 5 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 17 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Arizona

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Arizona	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,278,063	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	373,790	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	904,273	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	28.1%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	29,243 38.8%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	20,633	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	5,640	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	474	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Arizona	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	335,000 24.2% State Rank: 50	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	431,637	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	73.7% State Rank: 49	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.7% State Rank: 18	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.6 State Rank: 30	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	73% State Rank: 40	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	76,121	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	12,102	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Arizona	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	309,584 24.7% State Rank: 40	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$47,133	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$347	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	31%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 1997	
Number of child support cases, 1996	272,058	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	13.9%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	219,511	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	142,227	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	428,181	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	132,133	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	24,583	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Arizona	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	11,055	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,910	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	1,557	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Not Regulated	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1/13:2	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	44,477	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Arizona	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	743,566	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,133	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	44,134	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	296	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	5.6%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	271	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	19.6	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	4.3%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.7%	3.7%
Hispanic	30.0%	13.5%
Native American	7.2%	1.1%
White	56.9%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	57%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	53%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	211,078	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Arizona	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	11,226	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	73.9	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	85%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	438	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	3,274	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	1,099	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,221	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	120	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	64	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	47	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	82.7%	85.8%

Every 11 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 47 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 15 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Arkansas

	Arkansas	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	662,692	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	176,754	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	485,938	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.3%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	12,335 33.9%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	8,571	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,374	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	146	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	161,000 22.2% State Rank: 48	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	211,509	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	74.8% State Rank: 48	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.5% State Rank: 40	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	9.3 State Rank: 48	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	77% State Rank: 23	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	53,880	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	15,665	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	182,607 27.0% State Rank: 46	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$38,646	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$204	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	18%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	August 2000	
Number of child support cases, 1996	137,633	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	27.8%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	124,699	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	82,939	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	309,864	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	118,211	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	9,948	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Arkansas	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	9,893	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,935	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	1,562	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	9:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	21,966	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Arkansas	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	453,257	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,098	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	27,454	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	245	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	5.7%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	0	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.1	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	23.6%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.7%	3.7%
Hispanic	1.5%	13.5%
Native American	0.4%	1.1%
White	73.9%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	52%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	55%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	138,037	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Arkansas	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	7,187	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	75.4	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	89%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	288	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,039	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	412	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	442	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	63	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	27	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	26	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	11.7%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	43.2%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	85.7%	85.8%

Every 14 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 4 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 5 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

California

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	California	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	8,951,653	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	2,661,078	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	6,290,575	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	27.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	169,313 31.4%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	182,160	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	96,617	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	3,614	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	California	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	1,775,000 18.2% State Rank: 42	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	3,541,295	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	80.6% State Rank: 38	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.1% State Rank: 10	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	5.9 State Rank: 9	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	74% State Rank: 36	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	565,670	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	78,861	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	California	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	2,214,535 24.3% State Rank: 38	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$55,217	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$565	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	50%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	June 1999	
Number of child support cases, 1996	2,469,826	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	17.2%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	1,808,206	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	1,216,253	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	2,526,659	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	832,327	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	169,156	2,226,639

	California	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	86,368	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	13,051	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	36,422	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	278,003	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	5,536,406	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	7,876	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	629,344	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	3,470	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	10.2%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	158	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	24.0	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	8.8%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	11.2%	3.7%
Hispanic	38.7%	13.5%
Native American	0.9%	1.1%
White	40.4%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	51%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	48%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	2,061,265	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	64,712	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	62.6	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	99%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	575	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,096	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	731	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	341	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	672	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	508	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	108	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	7.4%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	26.6%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	80.6%	85.8%

Every minute a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 8 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 26 minutes a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 3 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 11 hours a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Colorado

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Colorado	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,015,529	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	273,557	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	741,972	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.1%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	13,863	1,260,306
	24.8%	32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	6,906	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	7,258	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	458	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Colorado	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	171,000	11,600,000
	15.5%	15.3%
	State Rank: 36	
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	203,049	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	81.4%	81.9%
	State Rank: 35	
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.8%	7.4%
	State Rank: 45	
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	6.6	7.3
	State Rank: 18	
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	72%	76%
	State Rank: 43	
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	69,850	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	8,167	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Colorado	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	143,390	14,665,019
	14.2%	20.8%
	State Rank: 12	
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$58,988	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$356	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	31%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	August 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	199,471	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	16.7%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	111,697	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	74,680	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	309,457	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	49,702	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	15,212	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Colorado	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	8,863	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	2,503	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	6,040	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	41,400	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Colorado	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	656,279	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,486	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	48,977	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	342	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	6.9%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	60	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	18.5	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	5.5%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	2.5%	3.7%
Hispanic	18.4%	13.5%
Native American	1.1%	1.1%
White	72.5%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	67%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	69%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	65,039	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Colorado	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	6,661	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	49.5	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	70%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	258	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,838	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	728	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,056	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	43	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	15	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	23	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	11.4%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	36.6%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	88.2%	85.8%

Every 11 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 3 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 24 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 6 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

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Connecticut

	Connecticut	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	792,161	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	216,680	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	575,481	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	24.2%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	13,940 31.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	19,906	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	7,045	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	278	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	90,000 10.7% State Rank: 17	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	212,059	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	88.2% State Rank: 5	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.2% State Rank: 21	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	6.4 State Rank: 16	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	85% State Rank: 2	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	76,226	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	5,239	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	109,584 13.6% State Rank: 8	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$72,706	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$636	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	60%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 1997	
Number of child support cases, 1996	235,547	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	17.6%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	106,247	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	60,267	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	246,621	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	47,058	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	23,998	2,226,639

	Connecticut	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	6,476	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,638	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	5,287	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	4:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	23,294	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	517,935	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,045	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	70,605	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	355	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	12.0%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	16	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	14.4	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	13.5%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	2.4%	3.7%
Hispanic	11.8%	13.5%
Native American	0.3%	1.1%
White	72.0%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	70%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	78%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	60,706	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	3,655	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	37.4	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	85%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	505	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,492	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	1,139	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	267	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	36	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	29	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	6	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	6.5%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	35.2%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	94.4%	85.8%

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 9 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 9 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

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Delaware

	Delaware	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	177,411	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	49,207	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	128,204	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	24.3%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	3,603 35.5%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	2,337	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	843	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	33	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	27,000 13.7% State Rank: 29	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	58,334	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	83.6% State Rank: 22	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.5% State Rank: 40	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.6 State Rank: 30	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	79% State Rank: 15	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	15,624	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	2,517	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	26,184 14.5% State Rank: 14	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$63,171	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$338	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	30%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 1999	
Number of child support cases, 1996	56,159	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	28.3%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	27,687	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	15,628	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	68,590	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	16,846	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	9,475	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Delaware	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	2,114	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	267	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	1,980	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	7:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	12,541	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Delaware	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	108,461	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	181	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	25,528	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	112	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	19.1%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	4	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	29.4%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.7%	3.7%
Hispanic	4.0%	13.5%
Native American	0.2%	1.1%
White	64.7%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	55%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	57%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	11,105	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Delaware	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	1,388	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	56.9	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	41%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	953	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	4,730	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	871	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	972	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	5	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	4	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	1	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	8.5%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	35.0%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	87.4%	85.8%

Every 54 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 6 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every day a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 5 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 55 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

District of Columbia

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	DC	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	107,204	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	33,232	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	73,972	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	20.3%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	5,547 66.1%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	5,867	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,088	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	132	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	DC	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	19,000 15.8% State Rank: 38	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	80,735	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	64.6% State Rank: 51	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	14.3% State Rank: 51	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	14.9 State Rank: 51	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	73% State Rank: 40	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	7,058	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	2,867	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	DC	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	40,372 36.8% State Rank: 51	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$56,125	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$379	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	33%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	March 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	100,384	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	9.9%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	49,659	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	16,664	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	46,694	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	16,060	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	23,698	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	DC	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	3,295	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	354	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	234	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	5,026	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	DC	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	79,802	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	186	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17,468	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	84	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	18.0%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	20	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.0	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	87.6%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.4%	3.7%
Hispanic	7.0%	13.5%
Native American	<0.05%	1.1%
White	4.0%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	20%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	28%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	47,208	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	DC	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	1,403	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	102.1	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	0%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	N/A	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	N/A	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	N/A	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	N/A	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	62	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	59	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	1	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	16.5%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	22.7%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	87.2%	85.8%

Every 44 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 6 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 9 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 3 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 5 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Florida

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Florida	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	3,471,316	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	951,273	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	2,520,043	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	23.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	68,077 35.9%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	74,587	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	9,002	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	992	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Florida	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	726,000 19.2% State Rank: 43	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	1,194,290	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	83.3% State Rank: 25	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.9% State Rank: 35	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.5 State Rank: 28	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	77% State Rank: 23	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	310,184	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	60,049	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Florida	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	837,705 24.1% State Rank: 37	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$49,913	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$303	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	27%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	February 1996	
Number of child support cases, 1996	1,016,299	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	15.7%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	599,745	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	345,046	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	1,274,581	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	387,941	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	193,991	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Florida	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	30,285	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	6,052	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	8,477	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	96,725	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Florida	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	2,176,222	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	2,760	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	253,831	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,284	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	10.4%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	76	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	18.9	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	25.3%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	15.3%	13.5%
Native American	0.2%	1.1%
White	57.5%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	54%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	54%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	565,453	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Florida	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	25,448	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	58.9	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	0%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	N/A	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	N/A	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	N/A	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	N/A	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	190	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	116	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	57	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	7.5%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	33.6%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	81.9%	85.8%

Every 3 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 21 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every hour a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 6 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Georgia

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Georgia	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,987,811	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	558,121	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,429,690	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.6%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	39,928 35.0%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	48,572	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	17,876	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	558	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Georgia	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	344,000 15.8% State Rank: 38	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	773,398	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	85.2% State Rank: 11	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.5% State Rank: 40	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	9.2 State Rank: 46	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	79% State Rank: 15	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	135,042	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	27,243	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Georgia	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	470,855 23.5% State Rank: 36	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$51,649	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$280	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	25%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	January 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	519,240	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	20.1%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	367,958	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	232,258	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	1,038,064	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	352,372	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	100,949	2,226,639

	Georgia	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	21,195	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,244	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	6,309	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	8:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	91,710	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,311,126	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,763	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	97,807	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	525	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	6.9%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	28	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16.5	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	37.8%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.6%	3.7%
Hispanic	2.2%	13.5%
Native American	0.1%	1.1%
White	58.2%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	51%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	55%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	266,854	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	18,162	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	68.2	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	33%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	517	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,390	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	942	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	354	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	160	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	79	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	51	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	84.1%	85.8%

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Every 29 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 8 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Hawaii

	Hawaii	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	302,592	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	88,472	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	214,120	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.5%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	5,569 30.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	2,555	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,454	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	150	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	20,000 6.0% State Rank: 1	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	N/A	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	84.2% State Rank: 16	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.3% State Rank: 23	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	5.8 State Rank: 8	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	79% State Rank: 15	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	16,029	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	1,051	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	43,091 13.8% State Rank: 10	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$58,474	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$712	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	54%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	July 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	58,610	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	23.6%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	62,782	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	34,084	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	146,942	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	37,963	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	5,725	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Hawaii	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	2,769	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	384	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	500	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	8,983	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Hawaii	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	187,180	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	246	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	34,541	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	127	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	15.6%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	2	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	2.6%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	69.3%	3.7%
Hispanic	4.9%	13.5%
Native American	0.4%	1.1%
White	22.9%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	51%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	45%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	47,934	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Hawaii	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	1,907	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	48.1	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	97%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	347	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	3,161	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	592	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	275	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	3	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	2	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	1	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	6.1%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	29.2%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	93.5%	85.8%

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Every 5 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 14 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 3 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 65 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Idaho	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	351,352	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	91,695	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	259,657	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	29.0%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	3,969 21.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	8,816	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,068	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	47	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	57,000 14.9% State Rank: 32	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	73,195	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	78.9% State Rank: 43	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	5.8% State Rank: 6	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.4 State Rank: 26	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	70% State Rank: 50	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	23,826	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	3,228	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	58,971 16.5% State Rank: 25	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$46,126	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$276	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	24%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	July 1999	
Number of child support cases, 1996	73,791	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	24.9%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	36,438	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	31,678	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	140,310	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	24,504	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	4,155	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Idaho	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	2,231	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	526	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	1,360	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Not Regulated	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	5,983	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Idaho	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	243,097	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	618	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	9,210	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	77	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	3.7%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	2	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	19.0	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	0.6%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.2%	3.7%
Hispanic	8.4%	13.5%
Native American	1.3%	1.1%
White	88.4%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	36,734	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Idaho	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	2,512	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	47.2	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	98%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	226	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	3,504	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	540	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,304	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	27	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	11	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	11	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	88.0%	85.8%

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Every 3 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 15 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Illinois

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Illinois	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	3,174,223	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	903,568	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	2,270,655	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	61,743	1,260,306
	33.7%	32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	43,973	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	47,862	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	2,695	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Illinois	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	351,000	11,600,000
	10.3%	15.3%
	State Rank: 14	
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	1,108,986	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	81.5%	81.9%
	State Rank: 34	
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.0%	7.4%
	State Rank: 37	
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	8.6	7.3
	State Rank: 42	
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	74%	76%
	State Rank: 36	
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	255,905	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	41,629	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Illinois	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	593,057	14,665,019
	18.5%	20.8%
	State Rank: 29	
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$57,811	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$377	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	33%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	July 1999	
Number of child support cases, 1996	730,397	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	11.8%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	527,842	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	237,262	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	1,003,196	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	185,758	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	113,971	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Illinois	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	34,871	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	2,907	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	9,594	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	95,455	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Illinois	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,943,623	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	4,142	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	300,981	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,470	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	13.4%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	13	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.1	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	21.1%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	3.0%	3.7%
Hispanic	12.2%	13.5%
Native American	0.1%	1.1%
White	63.6%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	364,626	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Illinois	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	23,336	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	57.1	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	23%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	1,015	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,964	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	3,259	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	318	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	308	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	263	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	33	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	88.6%	85.8%

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Every 23 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother

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Every hour a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 6 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every day a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Indiana

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Indiana	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,497,455	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	407,103	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,090,352	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.5%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	27,002 32.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	22,861	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	10,145	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	592	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Indiana	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	193,000 12.0% State Rank: 25	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	358,739	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	80.4% State Rank: 39	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.6% State Rank: 30	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	8.7 State Rank: 43	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	72% State Rank: 43	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	133,962	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	17,479	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Indiana	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	224,218 14.7% State Rank: 17	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$53,581	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$288	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	25%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	May 1997	
Number of child support cases, 1996	610,026	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	12.6%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	160,436	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	131,097	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	604,392	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	102,610	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	16,376	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Indiana	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	12,930	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	656	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	3,285	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	44,643	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Indiana	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	977,263	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,924	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	99,258	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	661	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	9.2%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.5	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	11.1%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	2.3%	13.5%
Native American	0.2%	1.1%
White	85.6%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	68%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	101,517	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Indiana	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	12,079	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	56.1	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	57%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	491	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,283	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	491	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	833	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	98	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	55	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	30	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	87.4%	85.8%

Every 8 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 44 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 3 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 12 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Iowa

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Iowa	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	725,325	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	183,762	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	541,563	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.4%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	9,760 26.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	9,967	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,952	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	440	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Iowa	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	86,000 11.1% State Rank: 20	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	170,970	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	87.1% State Rank: 7	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.4% State Rank: 14	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.0 State Rank: 20	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	76% State Rank: 27	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	66,247	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	5,785	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Iowa	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	101,690 13.7% State Rank: 9	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$51,782	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$426	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	38%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	Case by case	
Number of child support cases, 1996	195,321	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	20.2%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	78,263	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	65,885	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	381,998	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	54,929	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	5,688	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Iowa	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	6,922	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,526	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	4,796	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Not Regulated	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	26,930	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Iowa	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	502,343	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,556	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	49,461	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	274	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	9.0%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.5	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	3.3%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.5%	3.7%
Hispanic	2.1%	13.5%
Native American	0.4%	1.1%
White	92.7%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	78%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	70%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	59,845	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Iowa	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	4,099	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	37.8	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	82%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	256	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,282	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	361	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,098	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	22	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	8	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	13	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	8.6%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	37.5%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	88.3%	85.8%

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Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 13 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Kansas

	Kansas	United States

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Kansas	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	687,931	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	179,279	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	508,652	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.5%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	9,847 26.9%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	3,264	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	4,744	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	421	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Kansas	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	80,000 10.8% State Rank: 19	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	152,788	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	85.5% State Rank: 8	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.9% State Rank: 19	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	8.3 State Rank: 37	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	82% State Rank: 7	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	53,602	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	6,415	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Kansas	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	104,574 14.9% State Rank: 18	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$52,900	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$429	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	38%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	138,343	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	34.1%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	76,244	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	53,084	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	304,942	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	65,391	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	7,115	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Kansas	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	7,175	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,385	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	8,315	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	53,185	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Kansas	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	463,008	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,487	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	39,306	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	265	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	7.8%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	15	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.1	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	8.5%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	6.0%	13.5%
Native American	1.1%	1.1%
White	82.6%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	71%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	73,401	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Kansas	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	4,790	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	49.6	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	0%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	N/A	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	N/A	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	N/A	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	N/A	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	53	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	24	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	22	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	91.5%	85.8%

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Every 7 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Kentucky

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Kentucky	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	961,202	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	256,761	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	704,441	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	24.6%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	15,693 29.8%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	27,293	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,760	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	222	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Kentucky	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	161,000 15.2% State Rank: 35	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	343,438	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	84.7% State Rank: 12	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.9% State Rank: 35	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.5 State Rank: 28	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	79% State Rank: 15	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	82,889	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	22,821	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Kentucky	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	255,550 26.0% State Rank: 42	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$46,033	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$262	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	23%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	322,036	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	16.3%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	203,339	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	122,782	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	497,691	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	177,090	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	26,438	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Kentucky	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	15,163	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,974	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	825	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	36,748	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Kentucky	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	659,821	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,402	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	67,181	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	382	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	9.2%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16.9	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	9.8%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.6%	3.7%
Hispanic	0.4%	13.5%
Native American	0.1%	1.1%
White	89.1%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	56%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	63%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	251,205	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Kentucky	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	8,966	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	61.5	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	19%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	752	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	3,139	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	991	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	518	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	52	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	23	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	20	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	15.2%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	47.0%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	83.3%	85.8%

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Every 59 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 6 hours a baby was born to a mothe who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 22 hours a baby die during the first year of life.

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Every 6 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

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Louisiana

	Louisiana	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,190,878	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	313,700	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	877,178	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	27.4%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	28,320	1,260,306
	43.4%	32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	14,911	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	5,962	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	310	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	294,000	11,600,000
	22.2%	15.3%
	State Rank: 48	
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	459,408	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	81.1%	81.9%
	State Rank: 36	
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	9.9%	7.4%
	State Rank: 49	
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	9.0	7.3
	State Rank: 45	
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	76%	76%
	State Rank: 27	
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	91,059	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	31,950	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	388,182	14,665,019
	31.3%	20.8%
	State Rank: 49	
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$46,087	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$190	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	17%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	January 1999	
Number of child support cases, 1996	339,721	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	16.1%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	298,224	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	136,874	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	671,533	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	242,816	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	53,471	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Louisiana	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	20,402	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,808	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	10,000	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Not Regulated	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	8:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	54,966	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Louisiana	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	797,366	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,470	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	147,147	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	647	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	15.6%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	11	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.0	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	46.0%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.3%	3.7%
Hispanic	1.1%	13.5%
Native American	0.5%	1.1%
White	51.0%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	38%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	48%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	329,916	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Louisiana	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	12,318	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	66.7	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	79%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	525	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,649	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	706	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	188	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	192	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	133	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	43	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	7.2%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	36.4%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	80.4%	85.8%

Every 11 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 43 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 3 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 15 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Maine	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	297,266	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	69,425	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	227,841	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	23.9%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	3,959 28.7%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	4,656	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,473	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	96	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Maine	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	48,000 14.9% State Rank: 32	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	94,030	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	89.9% State Rank: 1	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	5.9% State Rank: 9	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	4.4 State Rank: 1	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	84% State Rank: 4	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	31,872	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	2,764	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Maine	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	49,762 16.2% State Rank: 23	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$48,043	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$418	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	37%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	November 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	77,228	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	37.1%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	51,194	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	25,786	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	105,038	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	36,432	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	6,211	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Maine	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	3,537	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	904	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	2,400	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	14,977	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Maine	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	213,569	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	726	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16,896	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	134	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	7.3%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	13.9	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	0.8%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.9%	3.7%
Hispanic	0.4%	13.5%
Native American	0.6%	1.1%
White	97.3%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	77%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	73%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	22,005	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Maine	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	1,338	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	31.4	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	94%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	133	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	3,241	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	497	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	618	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	5	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	1	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	4	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	11.3%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	39.2%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	90.8%	85.8%

Every 55 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 7 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 days a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 6 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 38 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Maryland

	Maryland	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,268,552	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	346,948	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	921,604	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	24.9%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	23,977 33.5%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	N/A	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	7,399	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	290	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	147,000 10.6% State Rank: 16	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	220,095	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	88.3% State Rank: 4	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.6% State Rank: 43	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	8.5 State Rank: 39	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	80% State Rank: 10	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	100,863	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	13,018	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	171,746 13.2% State Rank: 6	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$66,508	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$388	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	34%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	December 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	379,687	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	22.7%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	185,917	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	92,872	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	382,914	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	87,765	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	33,358	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Maryland	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	9,507	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	2,284	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	12,202	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	3:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	50,945	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Maryland	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	805,544	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,276	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	125,092	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	606	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	13.4%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	35.0%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	3.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	3.3%	13.5%
Native American	0.3%	1.1%
White	57.5%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	57%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	61%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	114,220	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Maryland	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	7,402	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	46.1	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	100%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	739	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,792	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	1,674	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	362	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	106	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	88	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	13	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	94.9%	85.8%

Every 11 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 5 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 14 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Massachusetts

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Massachusetts	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,451,374	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	399,217	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,052,157	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	23.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	20,458 25.5%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	27,219	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	13,591	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	1,161	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Massachusetts	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	140,000 9.1% State Rank: 9	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	389,315	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	83.7% State Rank: 21	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.4% State Rank: 14	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	5.0 State Rank: 2	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	86% State Rank: 1	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	157,196	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	15,634	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Massachusetts	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	215,427 14.6% State Rank: 16	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$65,012	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$579	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	51%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	September 1998	
Number of child support cases, 1996	208,435	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	30.4%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	180,825	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	117,671	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	497,813	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	97,406	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	46,095	2,226,639

	Massachusetts	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	11,877	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	2,295	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	11,005	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1/9:2	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	55,020	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	915,007	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,850	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	125,696	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	655	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	12.1%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	34	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	14.6	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	8.2%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	3.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	9.3%	13.5%
Native American	0.2%	1.1%
White	78.5%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	68%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	73%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	155,458	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	5,852	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	32.2	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	83%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	542	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	963	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	521	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	411	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	32	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	26	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	5	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	8.1%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	34.4%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	91.0%	85.8%

Every 9 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 4 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 22 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 9 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Michigan

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Michigan	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	2,504,757	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	652,746	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,852,011	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.6%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	45,052 33.8%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	21,073	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	10,889	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	2,047	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Michigan	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	221,000 8.2% State Rank: 6	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	785,525	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	84.2% State Rank: 16	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.7% State Rank: 31	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	8.1 State Rank: 36	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	75% State Rank: 32	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	188,768	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	37,137	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Michigan	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	517,850 20.1% State Rank: 32	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$57,521	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$489	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	43%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	Never: will use state funds	
Number of child support cases, 1996	1,561,364	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	16.1%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	426,683	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	217,823	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	768,098	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	162,222	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	34,809	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Michigan	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	33,316	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	4,746	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	17,035	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	72,186	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Michigan	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,641,456	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	3,748	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	189,065	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,034	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	10.3%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	138	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	19.7	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	18.4%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.5%	3.7%
Hispanic	2.7%	13.5%
Native American	1.0%	1.1%
White	76.4%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	67%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	63%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	250,000	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Michigan	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	16,240	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	46.5	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	81%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	309	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,586	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	391	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	616	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	157	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	96	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	42	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	8.2%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	38.2%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	89.7%	85.8%

Every 4 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 32 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 8 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Minnesota

	Minnesota	United States

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Minnesota	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,250,685	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	315,744	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	934,941	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	15,798 24.8%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	10,200	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	8,452	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	302	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Minnesota	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	93,000 7.0% State Rank: 3	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	353,734	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	83.5% State Rank: 23	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	5.8% State Rank: 6	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	5.9 State Rank: 9	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	78% State Rank: 22	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	98,311	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	9,487	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Minnesota	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	148,434 11.7% State Rank: 3	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$60,577	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$532	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	47%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	September 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	239,443	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	41.2%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	121,036	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	93,469	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	552,904	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	83,578	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	27,294	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Minnesota	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	9,545	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,574	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	15,559	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	7:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	93,134	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Minnesota	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	835,166	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	2,157	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	86,477	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	570	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	9.4%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	38	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	4.8%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	3.9%	3.7%
Hispanic	2.0%	13.5%
Native American	1.9%	1.1%
White	87.4%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	75%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	69%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	116,603	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Minnesota	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	5,498	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	32.1	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	100%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	207	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,501	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	625	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,781	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	56	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	25	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	21	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	91.6%	85.8%

Every 21 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 4 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 23 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 8 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Mississippi

	Mississippi	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	752,998	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	201,689	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	551,309	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	27.6%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	18,463 45.0%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	N/A	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,940	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	131	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	161,000 19.3% State Rank: 45	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	307,460	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	78.6% State Rank: 45	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	9.9% State Rank: 49	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	11.0 State Rank: 50	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	80% State Rank: 10	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	66,804	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	21,063	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	240,084 31.0% State Rank: 48	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$42,238	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$120	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	11%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	271,119	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	14.5%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	188,372	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	99,097	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	400,683	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	170,699	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	31,663	2,226,639

	Mississippi	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	24,953	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,555	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	908	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	9:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	27,545	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	506,272	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,011	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	50,166	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	182	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	9.0%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	1	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.5	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	51.0%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.6%	3.7%
Hispanic	0.3%	13.5%
Native American	0.4%	1.1%
White	47.7%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	36%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	48%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	280,097	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	8,748	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	75.5	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	37%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	283	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,445	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	676	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	457	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	77	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	38	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	19	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	9.8%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	31.3%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	82.8%	85.8%

Every 18 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 5 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 19 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 4 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Missouri

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Missouri	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,406,425	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	366,774	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,039,651	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.0%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	24,483 33.2%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	23,522	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	9,331	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	533	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Missouri	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	201,000 13.3% State Rank: 26	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	465,834	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	85.5% State Rank: 8	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.5% State Rank: 25	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.6 State Rank: 30	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	77% State Rank: 23	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	121,407	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	16,997	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Missouri	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	279,162 19.8% State Rank: 31	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$52,179	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$292	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	26%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	December 1998	
Number of child support cases, 1996	393,250	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	21.1%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	241,018	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	128,176	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	577,362	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	145,658	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	37,404	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Missouri	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	15,415	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,515	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	2,570	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	44,417	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Missouri	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	889,881	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	2,256	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	126,985	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	775	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	12.5%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	0	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.4	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	16.1%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.0%	3.7%
Hispanic	1.0%	13.5%
Native American	0.2%	1.1%
White	81.7%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	64%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	63%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	158,854	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Missouri	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	10,443	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	53.7	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	60%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	406	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,813	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	748	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	400	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	101	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	63	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	33	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	9.6%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	40.3%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	87.3%	85.8%

Every 6 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 50 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 4 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 16 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Montana

	Montana	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	229,530	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	54,303	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	175,227	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.1%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	3,026 27.9%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	3,664	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,695	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	143	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	30,000 11.8% State Rank: 24	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	53,019	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	82.7% State Rank: 28	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.4% State Rank: 14	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.0 State Rank: 20	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	74% State Rank: 36	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	18,364	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	2,017	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	51,732 22.0% State Rank: 34	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$43,559	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$450	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	40%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	December 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	43,143	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	24.7%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	32,588	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	21,427	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	86,632	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	14,669	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	4,123	2,226,639

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CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Montana	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	2,555	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	251	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	1,580	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	13,437	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Montana	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	165,547	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	894	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	8,458	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	88	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	4.9%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16.4	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	0.5%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	1.4%	13.5%
Native American	9.8%	1.1%
White	87.5%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	75%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	73%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	32,720	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Montana	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	1,344	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	38.6	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	39%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	105	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,608	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	466	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,844	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	20	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	4	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	12	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	12.4%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	38.1%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	89.3%	85.8%

Every 30 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 7 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every day a baby was born to a mother who Received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 5 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 17 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Nebraska

	Nebraska	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	444,681	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	114,184	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	330,497	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.8%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	5,765 24.8%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	3,612	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,213	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	180	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	45,000 9.4% State Rank: 11	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	124,091	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	84.5% State Rank: 14	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.3% State Rank: 12	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	8.7 State Rank: 43	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	75% State Rank: 32	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	39,308	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	3,666	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	56,930 12.6% State Rank: 4	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$53,419	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$364	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	32%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 1997	
Number of child support cases, 1996	131,541	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	21.0%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	50,751	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	31,821	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	215,815	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	29,859	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	6,438	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Nebraska	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	4,335	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	783	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	3,844	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	37,921	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Nebraska	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	289,744	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,411	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	41,320	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	279	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	12.5%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	14.5	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	5.9%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.3%	3.7%
Hispanic	4.4%	13.5%
Native American	1.4%	1.1%
White	87.2%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	76%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	37,048	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Nebraska	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	2,473	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	38.7	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	94%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	132	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	3,084	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	589	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,378	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	28	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	8	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	17	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	91.2%	85.8%

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Every 4 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 15 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 2 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 16 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Nevada

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Nevada	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	442,856	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	129,927	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	312,929	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.4%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	11,145 42.7%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	8,135	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,823	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	148	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Nevada	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	94,000 19.8% State Rank: 46	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	79,714	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	77.6% State Rank: 47	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.5% State Rank: 25	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	6.2 State Rank: 13	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	71% State Rank: 48	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	28,202	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	3,613	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Nevada	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	62,125 14.5% State Rank: 14	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$53,302	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$348	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	31%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	December 1998	
Number of child support cases, 1996	80,474	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	22.9%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	44,357	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	37,969	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	104,462	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	30,599	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	7,290	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Nevada	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	2,035	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	399	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	636	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	8:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	4,940	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Nevada	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	265,041	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	423	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	12,251	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	63	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	4.4%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	1	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	19.1	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	9.8%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	4.5%	3.7%
Hispanic	17.2%	13.5%
Native American	1.9%	1.1%
White	66.5%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	53%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	26,263	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Nevada	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	3,477	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	69.6	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	46%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	418	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	3,415	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	1,091	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	975	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	36	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	25	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	8	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	10.1%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	29.4%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	76.6%	85.8%

Every 24 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 3 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 6 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 2 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 10 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

New Hampshire

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	New Hampshire	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	296,090	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	73,716	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	222,374	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.2%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	3,400 23.4%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	1,063	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,477	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	24	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	New Hampshire	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	28,000 8.9% State Rank: 8	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	60,678	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	89.1% State Rank: 3	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	4.8% State Rank: 1	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	5.0 State Rank: 2	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	84% State Rank: 4	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	25,150	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	1,706	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	New Hampshire	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	22,432 7.5% State Rank: 1	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$59,981	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$550	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	48%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	46,953	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	36.8%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	21,528	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	18,678	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	97,675	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	15,009	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	1,751	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	New Hampshire	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	1,382	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,200	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	451	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	6,728	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	New Hampshire	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	194,171	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	460	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	22,633	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	210	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	10.4%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	0	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.7	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	0.9%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.1%	3.7%
Hispanic	1.2%	13.5%
Native American	0.2%	1.1%
White	96.7%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	75%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	13,361	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	New Hampshire	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	1,079	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	28.6	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	0%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	N/A	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	N/A	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	N/A	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	N/A	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	7	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	1	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	6	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	7.4%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	39.6%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	90.6%	85.8%

Every hour a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 8 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 days a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 5 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 46 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	New Jersey	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,987,124	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	556,867	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,430,257	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	24.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	31,959 28.0%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	10,537	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	8,014	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	570	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	331,000 15.6% State Rank: 37	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	456,720	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	81.8% State Rank: 31	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.7% State Rank: 31	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	6.9 State Rank: 19	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	76% State Rank: 27	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	197,062	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	20,262	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	255,284 12.6% State Rank: 4	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$67,335	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$424	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	37%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	February 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	526,701	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	26.4%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	249,283	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	140,752	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	557,766	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	81,118	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	61,398	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	New Jersey	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	14,201	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	3,500	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	4,400	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Not Regulated	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	7:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	42,631	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	New Jersey	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,197,381	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	2,279	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	207,275	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	914	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	14.8%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	31	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	13.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	18.5%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	5.4%	3.7%
Hispanic	13.5%	13.5%
Native American	0.2%	1.1%
White	62.5%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	147,824	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	New Jersey	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	8,849	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	35.4	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	96%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	576	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,943	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	1,227	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	501	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	66	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	55	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	6	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	7.7%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	37.9%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	87.0%	85.8%

Every 8 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 11 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 6 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

New Mexico

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	New Mexico	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	499,322	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	133,841	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	365,481	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	28.9%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	11,470 42.1%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	8,845	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,050	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	152	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	New Mexico	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	108,000 19.8% State Rank: 46	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	233,321	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	69.7% State Rank: 50	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.5% State Rank: 25	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	6.2 State Rank: 13	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	75% State Rank: 32	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	47,578	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	5,662	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	New Mexico	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	163,404 32.0% State Rank: 50	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$40,033	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$389	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	34%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	July 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	77,134	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	21.9%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	109,901	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	56,183	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	190,912	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	72,343	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	51,291	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	New Mexico	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	7,012	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	600	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	241	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	41,965	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	New Mexico	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	329,640	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	721	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	22,893	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	194	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	6.5%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	5	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.0	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	2.4%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.0%	3.7%
Hispanic	46.8%	13.5%
Native American	10.4%	1.1%
White	39.5%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	51%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	52%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	75,867	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	New Mexico	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	4,859	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	70.9	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	68%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	301	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,970	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	856	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,332	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	43	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	22	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	17	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	82.7%	85.8%

Every 18 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 4 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 2 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 9 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

New York

	New York	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	4,560,031	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	1,313,682	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	3,246,349	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.1%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	104,416 39.6%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	70,602	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	52,395	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	4,979	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	707,000 14.4% State Rank: 31	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	1,693,941	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	79.1% State Rank: 42	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.7% State Rank: 31	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.0 State Rank: 20	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	76% State Rank: 27	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	394,841	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	71,024	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	1,177,720 25.4% State Rank: 41	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$55,911	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$703	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	62%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	December 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	1,298,272	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	16.3%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	892,519	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	482,944	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	1,736,065	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	454,868	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	439,245	2,226,639

	New York	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	45,614	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	3,411	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	19,169	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	259,993	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	2,813,230	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	4,149	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	466,239	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,997	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	14.2%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	0	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.5	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	20.2%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	5.0%	3.7%
Hispanic	17.4%	13.5%
Native American	0.4%	1.1%
White	56.9%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	61%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	62%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	660,901	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	24,378	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	41.8	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	46%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	332	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,935	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	624	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	189	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	199	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	150	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	43	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	8.9%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	32.9%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	89.5%	85.8%

Every 2 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 22 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 37 minutes a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 5 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every day a child or youth was killed by a gun.

North Carolina

	North Carolina	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,873,403	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	518,861	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,354,542	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.2%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	33,419 32.0%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	33,133	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	12,760	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	694	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	331,000 16.2% State Rank: 40	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	670,968	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	83.5% State Rank: 23	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.7% State Rank: 44	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	9.2 State Rank: 46	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	80% State Rank: 10	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	147,078	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	29,981	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	365,215 19.6% State Rank: 30	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$51,790	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$272	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	24%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	January 1999	
Number of child support cases, 1996	463,252	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	22.6%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	276,226	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	197,990	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	796,595	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	247,745	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	43,768	2,226,639

	North Carolina	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	17,221	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	3,825	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	4,824	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	6:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	92,160	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,183,090	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,985	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	81,437	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	542	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	6.4%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	57	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16.2	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	30.7%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.3%	3.7%
Hispanic	1.9%	13.5%
Native American	1.5%	1.1%
White	64.6%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	56%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	62%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	252,173	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	15,685	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	63.5	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	99%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	430	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,875	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	578	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	306	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	135	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	70	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	49	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	8.0%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	35.8%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	87.1%	85.8%

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Every 34 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 3 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 9 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

North Dakota

	North Dakota	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	165,208	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	40,705	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	124,503	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.8%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	2,099 25.1%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	270	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	867	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	57	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	18,000 10.1% State Rank: 13	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	33,792	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	84.7% State Rank: 12	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	5.7% State Rank: 5	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	5.3 State Rank: 5	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	82% State Rank: 7	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	12,355	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	1,071	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	26,838 15.9% State Rank: 21	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$46,921	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$490	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	43%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	July 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	43,856	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	23.8%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	18,987	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	15,824	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	83,032	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	11,557	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	2,267	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	North Dakota	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	1,966	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	109	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	2,887	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	17,538	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	North Dakota	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	119,100	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	613	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	7,321	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	55	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	5.8%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.9	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	0.8%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	1.1%	13.5%
Native American	6.6%	1.1%
White	90.8%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	77%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	16,486	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	North Dakota	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	799	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	32.3	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	90%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	64	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,803	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	256	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	2,227	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	9	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	0	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	8	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	8.4%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	45.0%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	92.3%	85.8%

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Every 11 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 days a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 8 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 34 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Ohio

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Ohio	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	2,838,641	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	748,666	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	2,089,975	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.4%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	50,265 33.1%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	56,336	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	17,800	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	1,400	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Ohio	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	315,000 10.3% State Rank: 14	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	820,116	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	85.4% State Rank: 10	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.5% State Rank: 25	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.7 State Rank: 33	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	73% State Rank: 40	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	227,529	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	46,477	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Ohio	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	524,061 18.0% State Rank: 28	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$55,926	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$362	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	32%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 2000	
Number of child support cases, 1996	952,741	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	28.5%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	403,912	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	250,556	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	961,911	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	170,890	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	40,873	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Ohio	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	36,300	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	3,760	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	8,826	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Not Regulated	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	7:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	79,469	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Ohio	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,836,015	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	3,865	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	255,277	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,071	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	12.2%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	15	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.1	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	15.3%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.0%	3.7%
Hispanic	1.4%	13.5%
Native American	0.1%	1.1%
White	82.2%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	278,451	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Ohio	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	20,230	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	50.4	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	55%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	367	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,838	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	600	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	662	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	126	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	75	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	31	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	8.1%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	34.5%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	88.5%	85.8%

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Every 26 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 8 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Oklahoma

	Oklahoma	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	878,305	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	226,094	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	652,211	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.5%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	14,267 30.9%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	11,646	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,017	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	418	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	185,000 19.2% State Rank: 43	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	247,644	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	78.7% State Rank: 44	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.4% State Rank: 24	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	8.5 State Rank: 39	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	71% State Rank: 48	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	71,728	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	10,848	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	233,814 26.0% State Rank: 42	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$44,283	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$292	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	26%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	October 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	118,331	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	19.5%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	156,927	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	108,269	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	365,932	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	128,214	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	14,931	2,226,639

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	Oklahoma	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	12,142	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,912	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	4,113	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	43,399	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	616,393	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,830	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	24,653	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	135	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	3.8%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.7	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	10.5%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.3%	3.7%
Hispanic	3.9%	13.5%
Native American	15.0%	1.1%
White	69.4%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	66%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	187,715	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	7,928	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	63.4	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	100%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	289	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,667	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	465	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	550	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	61	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	30	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	25	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	87.4%	85.8%

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Every 22 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 5 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Oregon	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	810,699	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	212,703	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	597,996	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.0%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	12,959 29.7%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	9,238	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	5,138	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	441	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Oregon	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	117,000 13.3% State Rank: 26	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	262,650	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	79.9% State Rank: 40	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	5.3% State Rank: 2	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	5.6 State Rank: 6	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	72% State Rank: 43	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	65,022	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	6,368	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Oregon	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	134,378 16.4% State Rank: 24	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$54,226	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$460	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	40%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	August 1998	
Number of child support cases, 1996	272,009	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	19.6%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	111,515	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	91,033	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	266,014	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	80,233	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	13,587	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Oregon	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	5,400	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	970	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	10,660	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	4:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	34,489	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Oregon	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	527,914	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,216	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	43,501	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	410	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	7.6%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	19.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	2.6%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	3.4%	3.7%
Hispanic	6.8%	13.5%
Native American	2.0%	1.1%
White	85.3%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	67%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	61%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	92,029	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Oregon	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	5,773	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	50.8	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	87%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	269	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	3,491	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	637	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,563	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	39	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	9	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	24	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	79.3%	85.8%

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Every 8 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

	Pennsylvania	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	2,864,082	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	738,256	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	2,125,826	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	23.8%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	47,976 32.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	6,183	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	20,559	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	1,526	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	258,000 8.4% State Rank: 7	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	895,506	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	84.2% State Rank: 16	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.5% State Rank: 25	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.8 State Rank: 35	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	80% State Rank: 10	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	210,929	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	40,354	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	510,429 17.3% State Rank: 27	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$55,386	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$421	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	37%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	March 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	885,131	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	32.7%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	470,616	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	246,591	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	1,006,392	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	181,375	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	120,348	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Pennsylvania	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	28,902	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	3,508	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	4,663	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	68,723	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Pennsylvania	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,787,533	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	3,182	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	346,800	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,894	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	16.2%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	31	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	17.0	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	14.0%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	3.5%	13.5%
Native American	0.1%	1.1%
White	80.6%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	353,653	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Pennsylvania	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	15,701	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	39.3	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	47%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	301	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,632	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	334	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	886	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	181	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	113	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	59	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	88.3%	85.8%

Every 22 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 34 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 8 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 2 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Rhode Island

	Rhode Island	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	233,654	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	62,212	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	171,442	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	23.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	4,208 33.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	4,181	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	3,309	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	226	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	23,000 9.2% State Rank: 10	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	76,544	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	89.6% State Rank: 2	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.9% State Rank: 19	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	5.2 State Rank: 4	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	81% State Rank: 9	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	25,072	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	2,889	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	41,070 17.0% State Rank: 26	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$62,005	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$554	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	49%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	May 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	69,182	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	14.8%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	45,531	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	22,571	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	59,286	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	8,555	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	15,376	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Rhode Island	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	2,778	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	360	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	758	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	6:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	7,721	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Rhode Island	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	149,799	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	310	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	23,543	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	128	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	13.6%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	2	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	14.3	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	7.0%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	3.3%	3.7%
Hispanic	10.3%	13.5%
Native American	0.5%	1.1%
White	78.9%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	60%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	65%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	16,029	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Rhode Island	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	1,316	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	42.5	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	100%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	411	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,071	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	671	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	291	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	6	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	5	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	1	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	7.5%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	35.4%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	86.0%	85.8%

Every 37 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 7 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 days a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 6 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 59 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

South Carolina

	South Carolina	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	955,641	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	253,958	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	701,683	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.4%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	19,075 37.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	8,917	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	5,234	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	318	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	190,000 18.0% State Rank: 41	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	327,629	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	79.4% State Rank: 41	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	9.2% State Rank: 47	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	8.4 State Rank: 38	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	79% State Rank: 15	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	86,522	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	17,010	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	236,235 24.5% State Rank: 39	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$49,660	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$201	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	18%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	September 1998	
Number of child support cases, 1996	220,475	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	26.8%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	181,325	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	118,556	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	462,126	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	164,277	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	67,371	2,226,639

	South Carolina	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	11,110	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,731	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	2,038	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	6:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	27,331	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	645,586	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,095	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	50,162	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	282	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	7.2%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	6	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16.2	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	42.1%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	0.7%	13.5%
Native American	0.2%	1.1%
White	56.3%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	48%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	55%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	213,710	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	8,598	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	62.9	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	99%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	432	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,094	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	747	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	377	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	78	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	39	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	27	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	9.7%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	38.6%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	89.2%	85.8%

Every 13 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 4 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 20 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 5 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

South Dakota

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	South Dakota	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	197,338	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	49,446	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	147,892	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	3,091 29.5%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	2,617	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	665	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	55	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	South Dakota	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	17,000 7.9% State Rank: 5	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	53,660	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	81.7% State Rank: 32	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	5.8% State Rank: 6	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	5.7 State Rank: 7	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	76% State Rank: 27	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	15,512	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	2,242	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	South Dakota	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	40,924 20.2% State Rank: 33	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$46,831	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$430	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	38%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	July 1999	
Number of child support cases, 1996	31,831	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	33.0%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	24,783	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	20,515	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	103,960	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	14,991	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	4,086	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	South Dakota	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	2,355	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	164	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	1,150	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Not Regulated	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	10,565	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	South Dakota	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	144,685	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	824	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	10,056	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	93	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	6.5%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.0	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	0.9%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.7%	3.7%
Hispanic	0.7%	13.5%
Native American	13.9%	1.1%
White	83.7%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	N/A	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	21,084	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	South Dakota	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	1,203	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	39.5	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	45%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	227	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	4,377	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	668	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	3,888	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	10	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	1	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	9	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	8.5%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	44.0%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	88.2%	85.8%

Every 58 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 7 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 24 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 6 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 29 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Tennessee	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,324,789	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	361,989	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	962,800	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	24.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	24,645 33.4%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	11,439	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	6,520	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	195	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Tennessee	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	219,000 15.1% State Rank: 34	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	653,484	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	83.3% State Rank: 25	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.8% State Rank: 45	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	8.5 State Rank: 39	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	77% State Rank: 23	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	126,461	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	21,197	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Tennessee	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	296,606 22.1% State Rank: 35	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$48,244	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$185	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	16%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	April 1998	
Number of child support cases, 1996	495,124	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	14.2%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	272,011	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	148,692	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	601,313	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	188,020	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	42,343	2,226,639

	Tennessee	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	14,748	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	3,033	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	2,856	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	7:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	38,213	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	893,770	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,563	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	80,701	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	504	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	8.3%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	16.7	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	23.1%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	0.7%	13.5%
Native American	0.1%	1.1%
White	75.3%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	53%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	58%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	198,612	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	12,368	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	66.1	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	42%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	378	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,589	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	729	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	461	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	123	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	66	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	32	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	11.2%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	38.6%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	84.2%	85.8%

Every 15 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 43 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 3 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 14 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Texas

	Texas	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	5,577,135	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	1,608,579	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	3,968,556	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	28.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	100,573 30.4%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	44,704	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	11,700	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	1,091	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	1,497,000 24.5% State Rank: 51	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	1,794,065	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	78.1% State Rank: 46	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.2% State Rank: 21	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	6.3 State Rank: 15	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	74% State Rank: 36	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	441,543	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	50,094	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	1,502,026 26.9% State Rank: 45	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$48,007	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$188	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	17%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	June 1997	
Number of child support cases, 1996	833,181	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	20.1%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	1,191,255	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	691,337	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	2,335,343	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	832,567	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	97,085	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Texas	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	57,281	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	7,733	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	13,760	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	9:1/18:2	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	159,816	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Texas	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	3,748,167	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	6,638	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	229,353	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,593	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	5.8%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	114	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.6	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	14.3%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	2.3%	3.7%
Hispanic	36.7%	13.5%
Native American	0.3%	1.1%
White	46.4%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	59%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	63%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	1,645,489	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Texas	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	53,610	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	73.5	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	97%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	296	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,211	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	670	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	559	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	359	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	202	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	121	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	80.5%	85.8%

Every 3 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 10 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 30 minutes a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 4 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 18 hours a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Utah

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Utah	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	688,077	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	195,768	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	492,309	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	33.4%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	6,809 16.2%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	8,538	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,936	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	268	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Utah	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	85,000 11.4% State Rank: 22	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	113,902	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	83.8% State Rank: 20	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.6% State Rank: 17	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	6.0 State Rank: 11	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	69% State Rank: 51	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	52,463	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	3,625	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Utah	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	73,381 10.5% State Rank: 2	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$50,823	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$426	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	38%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	January 2000	
Number of child support cases, 1996	114,244	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	21.0%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	55,329	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	57,223	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	261,147	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	28,911	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	20,516	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Utah	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	4,654	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	320	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	2,690	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	4:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	37,169	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Utah	United States
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	477,121	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	735	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	12,840	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	97	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	2.6%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	0	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	23.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	0.7%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	2.2%	3.7%
Hispanic	5.3%	13.5%
Native American	1.4%	1.1%
White	90.4%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	70%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	62%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	50,851	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

	Utah	United States
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	4,483	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	42.8	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	75%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	292	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	3,879	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	714	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,367	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	37	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	11	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	24	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	11.2%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	16.4%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	90.9%	85.8%

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Every day a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 8 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Vermont

	Vermont	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	145,519	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	34,504	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	111,015	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	24.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	1,786 26.4%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	1,221	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	1,430	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	80	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	11,000 7.3% State Rank: 4	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	61,989	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	87.4% State Rank: 6	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.2% State Rank: 11	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.1 State Rank: 23	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	84% State Rank: 4	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	11,246	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	1,213	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	21,158 14.4% State Rank: 13	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$51,814	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$656	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	58%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	September 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	19,366	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	41.7%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	21,276	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	16,308	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	51,005	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	12,029	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	3,104	2,226,639

	Vermont	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	1,404	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	515	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	1,440	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	7,458	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	105,565	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	384	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	9,669	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	84	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	8.4%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	13.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	0.7%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1.0%	3.7%
Hispanic	0.4%	13.5%
Native American	0.6%	1.1%
White	97.3%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	72%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	N/A	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	12,317	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	603	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	30.1	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	0%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	N/A	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	N/A	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	N/A	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	N/A	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	5	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	1	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	2	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	12.2%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	38.3%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	89.3%	85.8%

Every 3 hours a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 15 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 3 days a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 8 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 52 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Virginia

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Virginia	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,644,386	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	452,650	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,191,736	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	24.4%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	26,634 28.8%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	10,280	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	6,844	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	276	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Virginia	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	205,000 11.4% State Rank: 22	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	431,054	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	84.5% State Rank: 14	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	7.7% State Rank: 31	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.7 State Rank: 33	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	72% State Rank: 43	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	141,759	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	21,057	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Virginia	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	263,865 15.9% State Rank: 21	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$57,050	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$354	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	31%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	July 1997	
Number of child support cases, 1996	386,669	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	23.0%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	231,941	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	132,916	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	637,511	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	165,842	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	37,187	2,226,639

	Virginia	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	12,053	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	2,402	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	4,953	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	5:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	41,602	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,079,854	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	1,889	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	86,507	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	493	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	7.4%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	0	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	14.4	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	26.5%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	3.5%	3.7%
Hispanic	3.2%	13.5%
Native American	0.2%	1.1%
White	66.6%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	58%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	64%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	96,280	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	10,146	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	45.5	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	98%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	233	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,896	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	501	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	564	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	109	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	54	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	43	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	87.3%	85.8%

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Every 52 minutes a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 3 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 12 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 3 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Washington

	Washington	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,454,654	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	386,181	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,068,473	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	25.9%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	21,287 27.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	20,033	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	9,715	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	656	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	158,000 10.0% State Rank: 12	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	561,023	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	83.2% State Rank: 27	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	5.6% State Rank: 4	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	6.0 State Rank: 11	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	79% State Rank: 15	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	106,890	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	11,416	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	221,407 15.1% State Rank: 19	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$57,421	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$546	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	48%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	January 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	374,935	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	33.7%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	206,101	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	144,430	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	448,990	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	108,070	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	28,781	2,226,639

	Washington	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	9,679	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	1,883	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	8,725	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998	7:1	*
Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver		
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	65,716	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	956,572	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	2,124	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	74,890	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	504	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	7.3%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	20.4	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	4.7%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	6.5%	3.7%
Hispanic	7.8%	13.5%
Native American	2.6%	1.1%
White	78.3%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	67%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	63%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	151,809	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	8,751	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	45.0	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	61%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	416	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	4,259	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	656	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	1,171	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	67	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	31	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	31	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	N/A	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	N/A	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	88.2%	85.8%

Every 11 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 3 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 19 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 5 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

West Virginia

	West Virginia	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	411,746	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	103,509	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	308,237	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	22.7%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	6,504 31.3%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	N/A	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,877	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	220	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	49,000 10.7% State Rank: 17	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	220,237	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	81.9% State Rank: 29	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.0% State Rank: 37	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.4 State Rank: 26	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	80% State Rank: 10	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	46,487	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	7,717	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	128,673 30.0% State Rank: 47	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$43,668	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$253	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	22%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	January 2002	
Number of child support cases, 1996	110,966	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	22.8%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	114,398	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	53,663	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	201,734	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	85,694	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	16,854	2,226,639

	West Virginia	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	6,876	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	320	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	5,000	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Not Regulated	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	15,743	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	307,112	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	877	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	13,241	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	135	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	4.1%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	*	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	14.6	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	4%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.4%	3.7%
Hispanic	0.3%	13.5%
Native American	0.1%	1.1%
White	95.2%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	54%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	62%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	70,442	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	3,462	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19),1996	50.3	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	96%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	79	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	1,138	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	233	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	390	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	16	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	6	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	8	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	10.8%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	41.9%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	90.2%	85.8%

Every 20 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 3 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 16 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 2 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 14 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Wisconsin

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

	Wisconsin	United States
Number of children under age 18, 1997	1,346,376	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	335,242	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	1,011,134	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	26.0%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	18,413 27.4%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	16,667	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	7,832	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	530	31,030

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

	Wisconsin	United States
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	87,000 6.0% State Rank: 1	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	320,044	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	84.1% State Rank: 19	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	6.3% State Rank: 12	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	7.3 State Rank: 25	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	79% State Rank: 15	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	106,413	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	17,469	887,066

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Wisconsin	United States
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	191,034 13.9% State Rank: 11	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$57,270	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$673	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	59%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	September 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	409,307	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	27.0%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	129,698	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	106,299	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	518,739	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	44,397	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	19,188	2,226,639

	Wisconsin	United States
CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	12,905	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	2,295	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	7,516	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	Yes	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	4:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	51,778	2,559,204
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	870,175	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	2,037	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	143,231	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	961	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	14.1%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	41	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	15.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	9.4%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	2.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	3.3%	13.5%
Native American	1.3%	1.1%
White	83.2%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	75%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	72%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	156,138	10,866,101
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT		
Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	7,108	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	36.8	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	76%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	404	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	4,429	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	791	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	2,147	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	76	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	35	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	32	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	5.4%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	36.0%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	90.7%	85.8%

Every 12 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every hour a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 4 hours a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 18 hours a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 4 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

Wyoming

	Wyoming	United States
POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS		
Number of children under age 18, 1997	131,765	69,527,944
Number of children under age 5	31,044	19,149,595
Number of children ages 5 – 17	100,721	50,378,349
Percentage of population under age 18	27.5%	26.0%
Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996	1,697 27.0%	1,260,306 32.4%
Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996	895	968,789
Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995	2,241	480,249
Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997	16	31,030
HEALTH AND DISABILITIES		
Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	19,000 13.4% State Rank: 28	11,600,000 15.3%
Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997	33,560	22,729,432
Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	81.9% State Rank: 29	81.9%
Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	8.4% State Rank: 39	7.4%
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	6.4 State Rank: 16	7.3
Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	72% State Rank: 43	76%
Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Program, 1995-1996	12,549	5,572,328
Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, December 1998	949	887,066
ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995	21,353 15.7% State Rank: 20	14,665,019 20.8%
Median income of families of four, FY 2000	$48,412	$53,350
Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998	$340	Median: $379
As a percentage of 1998 poverty guideline	30%	33%
Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits	February 2001	
Number of child support cases, 1996	62,010	19,115,887
Percent with any child support collection	14.1%	20.4%
Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997	14,746	11,847,508
Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998	11,792	7,139,088
Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998	54,758	26,080,044
Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998	7,458	6,959,992
Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998	1,041	2,226,639

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	Wyoming	United States
Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998	1,452	722,896
Number of regulated child care centers, 1999	218	101,773
Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998	736	290,817
Training required for family child care providers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Training required for teachers in child care centers prior to serving children, 1998	No	No
Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998 Recommended level 3 - 5 per caregiver	5:1	*
Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998	7,935	2,559,204

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	99,859	44,840,481
Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	410	87,125
Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	2,272	5,032,200
Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	37	27,687
Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995	2.2%	10.1%
Number of charter schools, 1999	0	1,207
Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995	14.8	17.3
Race/Ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995		
African American	1.0%	16.8%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	0.8%	3.7%
Hispanic	6.1%	13.5%
Native American	2.7%	1.1%
White	89.3%	64.8%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996	68%	62%
Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above the Basic reading achievement level, 1998	65%	61%
Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997	13,452	10,866,101

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20), 1996	902	502,725
Teen birth rate (mothers ages 15-19), 1996	44.0	54.4
Juvenile arrests, 1997		
Percent of law enforcement agencies that submitted data	98%	68%
Violent Crime index arrest rate	131	412
Property Crime index arrest rate	2,675	2,338
Drug Abuse arrest rate	621	732
Alcohol violation arrest rate	2,691	654
Total number of deaths from firearms of young people under age 20, 1996	11	4,613
Number of homicides by firearms, 1996	1	2,836
Number of suicides by firearms, 1996	7	1,309
Percentage of high school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997	13.1%	8.5%
Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997	37.4%	36.4%
High school completion rate, 1995-1997	88.9%	85.8%

Every hour a child was reported abused or neglected.

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Every 10 hours a baby was born to a teenage mother.

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Every 2 days a baby was born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

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Every 9 days a baby died during the first year of life.

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Every 25 days a child or youth was killed by a gun.

State Rankings

	Percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	Percentage of children who are poor, 1995	States ranked in the top ten (1-10) for any of the indicators listed	States appearing in the top ten in at least 3 or more of the listed rankings	States ranked in the bottom ten (41-51) for any of the indicators listed	States appearing in the bottom ten in at least 3 or more of the listed rankings
AL	29	33	48	49	2	44	✓		✓	✓
AK	20	37	3	24	32	6	✓			
AZ	50	49	18	30	40	40			✓	
AR	48	48	40	48	23	46			✓	
CA	42	38	10	9	36	38	✓		✓	
CO	36	35	45	18	43	12			✓	
CT	17	5	21	16	2	8	✓	✓		
DE	29	22	40	30	15	14				
DC	38	51	51	51	40	51			✓	✓
FL	43	25	35	28	23	37			✓	
GA	38	11	40	46	15	36			✓	
HI	1	16	23	8	15	10	✓			
ID	32	43	6	26	50	25	✓		✓	
IL	14	34	37	42	36	29			✓	
IN	25	39	30	43	43	17			✓	
IA	20	7	14	20	27	9	✓			
KS	19	8	19	37	7	18	✓			
KY	35	12	35	28	15	42			✓	
LA	48	36	49	45	27	49			✓	✓
ME	32	1	9	1	4	23	✓	✓		
MD	16	4	43	39	10	6	✓	✓	✓	
MA	9	21	14	2	1	16	✓	✓		
MI	6	16	31	36	32	32	✓			
MN	3	23	6	9	22	3	✓	✓		
MS	45	45	49	50	10	48	✓		✓	✓
MO	26	8	25	30	23	31	✓			
MT	24	28	14	20	36	34				
NE	11	14	12	43	32	4	✓		✓	

	Percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997	Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996	Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996	Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996	Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997	Percentage of children who are poor, 1995	States ranked in the top ten (1-10) for any of the indicators listed	States appearing in the top ten in at least 3 or more of the listed rankings	States ranked in the bottom ten (41-51) for any of the indicators listed	States appearing in the bottom ten in at least 3 or more of the listed rankings
NV	46	47	25	13	48	14			✓	✓
NH	8	3	1	2	4	1	✓	✓		
NJ	37	31	31	19	27	4	✓			
NM	46	50	25	13	32	50			✓	✓
NY	31	42	31	20	27	41			✓	
NC	40	23	44	46	10	30	✓		✓	
ND	13	12	5	5	7	21	✓	✓		
OH	14	10	25	33	40	28	✓			
OK	43	44	24	39	48	42			✓	✓
OR	26	40	2	6	43	24	✓		✓	
PA	7	16	25	35	10	27	✓			
RI	10	2	19	4	9	26	✓	✓		
SC	41	41	47	38	15	39			✓	✓
SD	5	32	6	7	27	33	✓	✓		
TN	34	25	45	39	23	35			✓	
TX	51	46	21	15	36	45			✓	✓
UT	22	20	17	11	51	2[illegible]	✓		✓	
VT	4	6	11	23	4	13	✓	✓		
VA	22	14	31	33	43	21			✓	
WA	12	27	4	11	15	19	✓			
WV	17	29	37	26	10	47	✓		✓	
WI	1	19	12	25	15	11	✓			
WY	28	29	39	16	43	20			✓	

Quick Guide to Data

Facts and figures can paint a vivid picture of national crises in child poverty, health, and welfare. Statistics don't have to be dry or boring or complicated; the right information presented in the right way can make issues become very concrete and compelling. You are probably aware of the critical problems facing children in your community, but you need to find the facts that will convince others that the situation is urgent and point to effective solutions. Information that is carefully documented and thoughtfully presented can be a powerful force for social change. The collection and distribution of information or "data" do not have to be done by technical experts. Skills involved in handling data can be learned easily and put to use without formal training. To help you get started, here are a few tips. For a complete guide, please consult the CDF publication, *An Advocates Guide to Using Data..*

How to calculate a percentage

"Percent" means per 100; 25 percent means 25 out of 100. One hundred percent means everybody or everything; 0 percent means nobody or nothing. To calculate a percentage you need just two pieces of information: the number in the entire (or total) group and the number in the part of the group you are interested in (the "subgroup").

Divide the number in the subgroup by the number in the total group and then multiply by 100.

(Number in subgroup ÷ Number in total group) x 100

There are 1,257 children in a high school. Of them, 137 are in advanced science classes. You determine what percentage are in the advanced classes this way:

[137 ÷ 1,257 = .109 (rounded) x 100 = 10.9%

Use the same approach when dealing with budget figures rather than people.

If a social services agency, with a budget of $2,500,000 for the year, plans to spend $64,598 on child care, what percentage of the budget will be spent on child care?

[64,598 ÷ 2,500,000 = .026 (rounded) x 100 = 2.6%

How to calculate a rate

You already know how to calculate one type of rate: a percentage is a rate. "Rate" simply means the number of things per some other number, usually 100 or 1,000 or some other multiple of 10. A percentage is a rate per 100. Infant mortality rates are calculated per 1,000.

To calculate a rate you need three pieces of information: the number in the total group (for example, the total number of babies born in a given year), the number in the subgroup you are interested in (such as the number of infants that died that year), and the "per" number – per 100, or 1,000, or 100,000. That "per" number is called the multiplier.

The formula for calculating a rate is:

(Number in subgroup ÷ Number in total group) x multiplier.

In 1987, 9,889 babies were born in Delaware. In that same year, 116 infants died in the state. The infant mortality is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 births. You would calculate Delaware's 1987 infant mortality rate this way:
(116 ÷ 9,889 = .0117) x 1,000 = 11.7

To calculate a rate you must work with numbers that are large enough to be meaningful. People who regularly work with numbers use this general rule: if the number of people or events or things is less than 30, *do not calculate a rate*. This is because rates based on such small numbers can vary tremendously from year to year, and are not considered reliable. For example, if there were 17 infant deaths in your county last year, do not calculate an infant mortality rate.

How to calculate a ratio

A ratio is simply one number divided by another. It tells you how much bigger or smaller one number is compared with the other. For example, in 1987 the infant mortality rate among blacks was 17.9; the rate among whites was 8.6. The ratio of the black rate to the white rate is: 17.9 ÷ 8.6 = 2.08 (or 2.1, rounded)

You can compare any two numbers in this way, providing you have the same measure for two groups for the same year (as in the infant mortality example) or for one group in two different years (such as the unemployment rate in your state in 1989 compared with the 1980 rate).

How to calculate change over time

When you have data for two or more points in time, you can calculate how much change there was between the first and second times. Sometimes all you need to know is whether the number went up or down, or stayed the same. Usually you will want to know the size of the change – that is, the percent by which the number changed. It is very simple to calculate this "rate of change." You need to know only two numbers; the number from the earlier point in time, and the number from the later point in time. The rate of change is:

[(Number at later time ÷ Number at earlier time) – 1] × 100

The easiest way to do this is with a calculator. That way you'll automatically see if the resulting number is positive (meaning there was an increase over time) or negative (meaning there was a decrease).

The infant mortality rate in Iowa was 11.8 in 1980 and 9.1 in 1987. You would calculate the change this way:

$$9.1 \div 11.8 = 0.7712$$
$$0.7712 - 1 = -0.2288$$
$$-0.2288 \times 100 = -22.9\%$$

This means that the infant mortality rate in Iowa decreased by 22.9 percent between 1980 and 1987.

How to rank numbers

Why is it useful to rank numbers? Ranking allows you to say whether one state's children are faring better than another state's, or to say that there are 17 states with lower infant mortality rates than yours. Ranking should be done only when you can compare the same measure of data for each of the geographic areas or groups you are studying.

Ranking involves two steps: putting the numbers in order, then assigning a rank to each based on its place in the order. Numbers can be ordered from largest to smallest, or from smallest to largest. The "best" number (the highest number for median income would be best; the lowest number would be best for an infant mortality rate) can be assigned a rank of 1, with number 2 going to the second best, and so forth down the list. The worst number would be assigned the lowest rank.

When two or more numbers in the list are the same, it does not make sense to give them different ranks. Give them the same rank and skip the next rank. If three items have the same rank, give them the same rank and skip the next two ranks.

Converting Proportions and Percentages

Data can be communicated in a number of ways. If you think your audience might have trouble understanding or feeling moved by percentages, for example, you can use less formal (but still accurate) terms. For example:

Proportion	Percent	Converts to:
.10	10.0	1 in 10
.20	20.0	1 in 5
.30	30.0	3 in 10
.40	40.0	2 in 5
.50	50.0	1 in 2
.60	60.0	3 in 5
.70	70.0	7 in 10
.80	80.0	4 in 5
.90	90.0	9 in 10

Notes and Sources

POPULATION AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

Number of children under age 18, 1997, from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished data at http://www.census.gov/population/estimates/state/97agesex.txt. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Number and percentage of births to unmarried mothers, 1996, from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 46, No. 11, Supplement, "Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1996" (June 30, 1998), Table 19.

Number of substantiated claims of children abused or neglected, 1996, from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, *Child Maltreatment 1996: Reports from the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System* (1998), appendix data item 6. Data for Maryland, Mississippi, and West Virginia are not available. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund. Data comparisons should not be made between years or among states; duplicated counts, as well as differences and changes in practice and policy, prevent meaningful comparisons.

Number of children under age 18 in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) 1995, from American Public Welfare Association, Voluntary Cooperative Information System, unpublished data. The actual date varies by state depending on each state's fiscal calendar. Differing state policies have an impact on how information is categorized and reported and any attempt to compare states should be sensitive to these differences.

Number of adoptions of children from foster care, 1997, from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau, at http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/special/adopincen.htm. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

HEALTH AND DISABILITIES

Number and percentage of children under age 19 lacking health insurance, 1995-1997, are the average number and percentage of uninsured children from 1995, 1996, and 1997, for the states. Three-year averages are used because of small sample sizes in some states. The estimated number of uninsured children in each state is calculated by applying that average percentage to the most recent Census estimates of the number of children under age 19 in each state. The U.S. percentage and number of uninsured are from the March 1998 Current Population Survey (CPS). Beginning with this survey, the national uninsured count includes all those with health coverage only through the Indian Health Service. Data from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, March 1996, 1997, 1998, available at http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/statepop.html. States are ranked from lowest to highest percentage of children lacking insurance. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Number of children covered by Medicaid, FY 1997, includes any persons under age 21 enrolled in Medicaid for any length of time in FY 1997. Data for Hawaii were not available. Data from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, HCFA-2082 Report, available at http://www.hcfa.gov/medicaid/mstats.htm. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

Incidence of early prenatal care, 1996, is the percentage of babies born to mothers who received prenatal care within the first trimester of pregnancy. Data from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 46, No. 11, Supplement, "Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1996" (June 30, 1998), Table 34. States are ranked from highest to lowest incidence of early prenatal care. Ranks calculated by Children's Defense Fund.

Incidence of low birthweight births, 1996, is the percentage of infants weighing under 2,500 grams (5.5 lbs.). Data from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 46, No. 11, Supplement, "Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1996" (June 30, 1998), Table 46. States are ranked from lowest to highest incidence of low birthweight birth. Ranks calculated by Children's Defense Fund.

Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births), 1996, is the number of infant deaths (before age 1) per 1,000 live births. Data from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *National Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 47, No. 9, "Deaths: Final Data for 1996" (November 10, 1998), Table 31. States are ranked from lowest to highest rate. Ranks calculated by Children's Defense Fund.

Percentage of 19- to 35-month-old children fully immunized, 1997, from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, Vol. 47, No. 26 (July 10, 1998). Full immunization is defined as four or more doses of DPT or DT, three or more doses of poliovirus vaccine, one or more doses of any measles-containing vaccine, and three or more doses of Hib vaccine. States are ranked from highest to lowest percentage of immunized children. Ranks calculated by Children's Defense Fund.

Number of young people under age 22 in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) program, 1995-1996, are from U.S. Department of Education, *To Assure the Free Appropriate Public Education of All Children with Disabilities: Nineteenth Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (1997), Table AA1.

Number of children in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, December 1998, from U.S. Social Security Administration, unpublished data available at ftp://ftp.ssa.gov/pub/statistics/2a4. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund. A child is defined as under age 18 or under age 22 if a student.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Number and percentage of children who are poor, 1995, are the number and percentage of children under age 18 who are living below the federal poverty line, which in 1995 was $15,569 for a family of four. Data from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe93.html. States are ranked by percentage of children in poverty, from lowest to highest. Ranks calculated by Children's Defense Fund.

Median income of families of four, FY 2000, is the dollar amount for which exactly half of the families in the state received more than the amount and half of the families received less. Data are estimates from the *Federal Register*, Vol. 64, No. 38 (February 26, 1999), pp. 9513-9514.

Maximum monthly benefit for family of three under TANF, January 1998, and percentage of 1998 poverty guideline, is from the Congressional Research Service, *Welfare Reform: Financial Eligibility Rules and Benefit Amounts Under TANF (Temporary Assistance For Needy Families)*, 1998, Washington, DC. The median listed for the United States is the dollar amount of the monthly benefit for a family of for which exactly half of the states paid more and half of the states paid less. The poverty guideline for a family of three in 1998 was $13,650 annually, $1,138 monthly.

Date when TANF benefits are first terminated or reduced due to time limits is from the *First Annual Report to Congress*, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, August 1998, available online at http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/news/welfare/congress/tanft91a.htm. The federal welfare law passed in 1996 imposed a lifetime limit of five years to receive federal cash assistance, or a shorter period of time at state option.

Number and percentage of cases with any child support collected over the course of a year, 1996, include cases that had at least one child support payment in the year. The data do not indicate how many cases receive the total amount entitled. Data from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement, *Child Support: 21st Annual Report to Congress* (1997), Tables 32-34. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund. States are ranked from highest to lowest collection rate.

Number of children benefiting from the Food Stamp Program, FY 1997, from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, unpublished data. Data reflect the average participation of children under age 18 for each month that the program operates.

Number of participants in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FY 1998, from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, unpublished data.

Number of participants in the National School Lunch Program, FY 1998, include all children receiving a federal subsidy for lunch, including those receiving free, reduced-price, and full-price lunches. Data from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, unpublished data.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION, CONTINUED

Number of participants in the School Breakfast Program, FY 1998, from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, unpublished data.

Number of participants in the Summer Food Service Program, FY 1998, from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, unpublished data.

CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Total number of children participating in Head Start, FY 1998, from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Head Start Bureau, unpublished data.

Number of regulated child care centers, 1999, are the number complying with each state's licensing requirements. Data from the Children's Foundation, *The 1999 Child Care Licensing Study*, Washington, DC.

Number of regulated family child care or group homes, 1998, are the number complying with each state's licensing requirements. Data from the Children's Foundation, *The 1998 Family Child Care Licensing Study*, Washington, DC.

Training required for family child care providers and teachers in centers prior to serving children, 1998, are determined by state law. The United States has no federal standards. Data from *Training Requirements in Child Care Licensing Regulations: 1998*, Azer and Eldred, The Center for Career Development in Early Care and Education, Wheelock College, Boston, MA. The regulations for family child care providers listed here are for small family care providers.

Number of 18-month-olds allowed per caregiver, 1998, is determined by state licensing law; there are no federal standards. Data from *Data on Child Care Licensing*, Azer and Capraro, The Center for Career Development in Early Care and Education, Wheelock College, Boston, MA. The recommended level of 3 to 5 18-month-olds per caregiver is a recommendation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Number of participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), FY 1998, from U. S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, unpublished data.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995, from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *State Comparisons of Education Statistics: 1969-70 to 1996-97* (November 1998), Table 10.

Number of public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995, from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *State Comparisons of Education Statistics: 1969-70 to 1996-97* (November 1998), Table 30.

Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995, from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *State Comparisons of Education Statistics: 1969-70 to 1996-97* (November 1998), Table 8.

Number of private elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995, from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *State Comparisons of Education Statistics: 1969-70 to 1996-97* (November 1998), Table 8.

Percentage of all students attending private school, Fall 1995, from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *State Comparisons of Education Statistics: 1969-70 to 1996-97* (November 1998), Table 8.

Number of charter schools, 1999, are those in operation as of February 1999. There are 35 charter school laws in the United States. Charter schools operate in 27 states and the District of Columbia. States listed with an asterisk did not have a charter school law as of February 1999. Data from The Center for Education Reform, at http://edreform.com/pubs/chglance.htm.

Pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools, Fall 1995, from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *State Comparisons of Education Statistics: 1969-70 to 1996-97* (November 1998), Table 21.

Race/ethnicity of public elementary and secondary school students, Fall 1995, from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *State Comparisons of Education Statistics: 1969-70 to 1996-97* (November 1998), Table 9.

Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above Basic mathematics achievement level, 1996, and **Percentage of 4th grade public school students performing at or above Basic reading achievement level, 1998,** are based on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) established three achievement levels to categorize overall performance on the NAEP: Basic, Proficient, and Advanced. The NAGB achievement levels are reasoned judgments of what students should know and be able to do. The Basic level denotes partial mastery of knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient work at the specific grade. The Proficient level represents solid academic performance; students reaching this level are well prepared for the next level of schooling. The Advanced level signifies superior performance beyond proficient grade-level mastery. The percentage listed includes students performing at the Basic, Proficient, and Advanced levels; it does not include students performing below Basic. Mathematics data from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *NAEP 1996 Mathematics Report Card for the Nation and the States* (February 1997), Table 3.2. Reading data from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *NAEP 1998 Reading Report Card for the Nation and the States* (March 1999), Figure 5.5. Publications available at http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/.

Number of children served by Title I, 1996-1997, from U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Compensatory Education Programs, Title I, unpublished tabulations.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Number of births to teens (mothers under age 20) 1996 is the number of births to women under age 20. **The teen birth rate, 1996,** is the number of births to women ages 15-19 per 1,000 females in that age group. Data from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 46, No. 11, Supplement, "Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1996" (June 30, 1998), Table 10, and unpublished tabulations.

Juvenile Arrests, 1997 In most states, not all law enforcement agencies report their arrest data to the FBI. **The percentage of law enforcement agencies submitting data** is the percentage of law enforcement agencies that submit their data to the FBI. The FBI then makes the data available in the publication, *Crime in the United States*. Rates for states with less than 100% reporting are based on partial information. The arrest rates presented here were based on the number of youth living in reporting jurisdictions. Comparisons of juvenile arrest rates across states should be made with caution. If the reporting law enforcement agencies in these states are not representative of the entire state, then the rates will be biased; reported arrest rates for states with less than complete coverage may not be accurate.

The arrest data presented here is defined as the number of arrests of persons under age 18 for every 100,000 persons ages 10-17. Juvenile arrests (arrests of youth under age 18) reported at the state level in *Crime in the United States* cannot be disaggregated into more detailed categories so that the arrest of persons under age 10 can be excluded in the rate calculation. Therefore, there is a slight inconsistency between the age range for the arrests (birth through age 17) and the age range for the population (ages 10-17) that is the basis of a state's juvenile arrest rate. This inconsistency is slight because just 2% of all juvenile arrests involved youth under age 10. However, this inconsistency is preferred to the distortion of arrest rates that would be introduced were the population base for the arrest rate to incorporate the large number of children younger than 10 in a state. N/A means that *Crime in the United States* reported no arrest counts for this state.

The **Violent Crime Index** is composed of four offenses: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The **Property Crime Index** includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. **Drug abuse violations** include state and/or local offenses relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, and manufacturing of unlawful substances. **Alcohol violations** include liquor law violations, drunkenness, and driving under the influence.

The data presented here are taken directly from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, *Juvenile Arrests 1997* (1998), at http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/97arrest.pdf.

Deaths by firearms – including all deaths, homicides, and suicides – of young people under age 20, 1996, from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Vital Statistics, unpublished tabulations. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

High school students who reported carrying weapons on school property, 1997 and **Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes, 1997,** are from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS). The YRBSS includes a national school-based survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as state, territorial, and local school-based surveys conducted by education and health agencies. The data presented here were collected from high school students from February through May 1997. The findings are subject to at least two limitations. First, these data apply only to youth who attend high school and, therefore, are not representative of all persons in this age group. Second, these data apply only to youth who were in school on the day of survey administration.

The 1997 state, territorial, and local school-based surveys produced representative samples of students in grades 9-12 in their jurisdictions. For the surveys from states with an overall response rate of at least 60% and appropriate documentation, the data were weighted. Weighted data from most of these states and cities can be generalized to all public-school students in grades 9-12 in the respective jurisdiction. The states that have weighted data include: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. For the surveys that did not have an overall response rate of at least 60% and appropriate documentation, the data were not weighted. The unweighted data apply only to the students participating in the survey. The states having unweighted data include: California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Tennessee. The California survey excludes students from the Los Angeles Unified School District. The following states were not included in the survey: Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

Percentage of high school students who carried a weapon include students who carried a weapon (such as a gun, knife, or club) on school property within the 30 days prior to the survey.

Percentage of high school students who smoke cigarettes is defined as those students smoking at least one cigarette within the 30 days prior to the survey.

The high school completion rate, 1995-1997, for 18- to 24-year-olds is the percentage of the non-high school enrolled population at these ages who hold a high school credential (either a high school diploma or an alternative credential, such as a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, Individualized Education Program (IEP) credential, or certificate of attendance). Due to small sample sizes, the state-level completion data are calculated using three-year averages. Data from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Dropout Rates in the United States: 1997* (March 1999), Table 5.

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